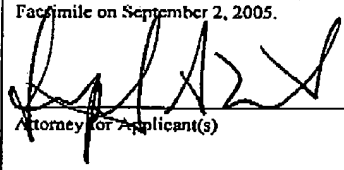


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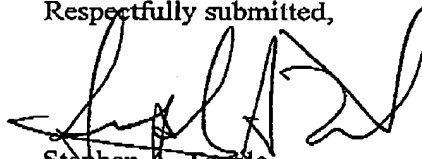
Claims 1 - 21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, and 17-21 have been rejected. Claims 2, 9 and 16 have been objected to. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Claims 2, 9 and 16 have been cancelled.

Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowability of claims 2, 9 and 16. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and is thus allowable. Claims 3 - 7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and is thus allowable. Claims 10 - 14 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least this reason. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and is thus allowable. Claims 17 - 21 depend from claim 15 and are allowable for at least this reason.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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